

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR AUTOMATICALLY GRADING AND  
INPUTTING GRADES TO ELECTRONIC GRADEBOOKS**

5           A system and method for automatically grading and inputting grades to  
electronic gradebooks includes a digital camera connected to a computer. A  
document, e.g., a test, can be placed within the view of the digital camera. A  
grading/data label can be affixed to the document and includes input bubbles or  
handwritten indicia within designated areas that can be completed to indicate a  
10   student identification number, answers to an exam/test/quiz/etc., and/or a grade.  
The computer includes a program for locating the grading/data label and further  
locating the completed bubbles and/or handwritten indicia within the grading/data  
label. Information corresponding to the completed bubbles or handwritten indicia  
can then be automatically graded, if desired, and input to an electronic gradebook  
15   within or available to the computer.